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pose. The present expedition has been rendered possible by a grant from the "Raskorsted Fund." The probable site of the station will be in the Ké islands, previous research having shown that there is an unusual abundance of animal life in the waters to the west of the group. What is really a deep-water fauna is here found at comparatively small depths—200-300 meters—making it easy to collect rare deep-water species. It is possible that Dutch cooperation may be secured, and in any case the intention is to give an international character to the station.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

MRS. DOROTHY WHITNEY STRAIGHT will give to Cornell University a million-dollar building to be used as a center for the social and recreational life of the students.

At the commencement of Princeton University a gift of \$100,000 was announced from James H. Lockhart, of Pittsburgh, for the endowment of scholarships in memory of his father, Charles Lockhart.

HEARST HALL and Hearst Hall Annex were destroyed and the Pathology Building of the University of California was damaged on June 21 in a fire with estimated loss of \$100,000. Hearst Hall, a large frame structure, was the gift to the university women of Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hearst. Mr. William Randolph Hearst has undertaken to rebuild Hearst Hall and its accessory buildings in fireproof material.

DR. HAVEN EMERSON has been appointed professor of public health and administration in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and given the task of working out a plan for the organization of the Institute of Public Health established by the bequest of the late Joseph A. DeLamar.

MR. SIGFRED HAUGE and Mr. Robert Evans have been appointed instructors in the division of agricultural biochemistry of the University of Minnesota. Dr. Paul F. Sharp, instructor in the division, has been appointed assistant chemist of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station.

PROFESSOR S. I. KORNHAUSER, of Denison

University, has been appointed head of the department of anatomy of the School of Medicine of the University of Louisville, in the place left vacant by Dr. Chas. Brookover. During the summer Dr. Kornhauser will be biological assistant to Colonel William G. Atwood, director for the committee on marine piling investigations of the National Research Council.

DR. ALFRED POVAH, formerly associate professor of plant pathology and associate plant pathologist at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, has been appointed assistant professor of botany at Northwestern University.

DR. A. O. WEESE, professor of biology at the University of New Mexico for the past ten years, has accepted the professorship of biology at James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, recently made vacant by the death of Dr. A. A. Tyler. Professor Weese has spent the past year at the University of Illinois.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### THE NEW CATASTROPHISM AND ITS DEFENDER

REFERENCE was made in my contribution to SCIENCE for February 17 to Professor Price, alleged geologist, upon whose scientific vagaries a reactionary theology relies much in its recent attack on evolution—the result of a rerudescence of the old conflict which such a theology has ever waged against the progress of science.

George McCready Price, who since 1906 has held positions as professor of geology, College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, professor of English literature, Fernando Academy, California, and professor of chemistry and physics, Lodi Academy, California, is evidently in the religious denomination (Seventh Day Adventist) to which he belongs held to be a man of considerable versatility.

The writings by which he is best known are two books, "Fundamentals of Geology" (1913), and "Q. E. D., or New Lights on the Doctrine of Creation" (1917), and numerous articles in the religious press—chiefly the Philadelphia *Sunday School Times*.

The distinctive ideas for which he stands in